

**Craps Game with Jackpot**

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1 TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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3 Craps game with jackpot.  
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6 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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8 This invention relates generally to the field of gaming, and more  
9 specifically to the field of the game of craps with a jackpot.  
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11 The basic idea behind craps is to establish a "point" number and roll that  
12 number again before rolling a 7 (craps). Only the numbers 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 10 can  
13 be a point number and all other rolls on the dice have special meanings  
14 depending on when they are rolled, i.e., before or after a point is established.

15 The casino game of craps is played with a set of two dice with each die  
16 having six white dots numbered 1 through 6. The game is played by tossing the  
17 dice from one of the short ends of the table to the other, making sure that both  
18 die hit the opposite side wall of the table. Payoffs are made based on the  
19 number combination displayed when the dice come to rest.

20 Each throw of the dice is called a "roll". Players take turns rolling the dice,  
21 clockwise around the table, and the player rolling at any given time is called the  
22 "shooter". When a new shooter is given the dice, his or her first roll is called the  
23 "Come Out" roll. This begins a new series of rolls by that shooter and lasts for as  
24 long as that shooter continues to make winning rolls.  
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1 A new game in craps begins with the "Come Out" roll. A "Come Out" roll  
2 can be made only when the previous shooter fails to make a winning roll -- more  
3 correctly known as "not making the Point" or "seven out". A new game then  
4 begins with a new shooter. If the current shooter does make his "Point", the dice  
5 are returned to him and he then begins the new "Come Out" roll. This is a  
6 continuation of that shooter's roll, although technically, the "Come Out" roll  
7 identifies a new game about to begin.

8 There is a desire for a craps game that allows for a building of excitement  
9 from the players and attracts a large number of players and observers.

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12 BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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14 It is an advantage of the present invention to provide a casino craps game  
15 that generates increased enthusiasm from players, the house and onlookers.

16 In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a  
17 casino craps game comprises a standard craps table wherein the improvement  
18 comprises a jackpot betting area and payout from the jackpot bets based upon  
19 pre-established consecutive outcomes.

20 Other objects and advantages will become apparent from the following  
21 descriptions, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein, by  
22 way of illustration and example, an embodiment of the present invention is  
23 disclosed.

1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL DRAWINGS

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3 The drawings constitute a part of this specification and include exemplary  
4 embodiments to the invention, which may be embodied in various forms. It is to  
5 be understood that in some instances various aspects of the invention may be  
6 shown exaggerated or enlarged to facilitate an understanding of the invention.

7 Figure 1 is an overhead view of a craps gaming table in accordance with  
8 the prior art.

9 Figure 2 is an overhead view of a craps gaming table in accordance with a  
10 preferred embodiment of the present invention

# DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Detailed descriptions of the preferred embodiments are provided herein. It is to be understood, however, that the present invention may be embodied in various forms. Various aspects of the invention may be inverted, or changed in reference to specific part shape and detail, part location, or part composition. Therefore, specific details disclosed herein are not to be interpreted as limiting, but rather as a basis for the claims and as a representative basis for teaching one skilled in the art to employ the present invention in virtually any appropriately detailed system, structure or manner.

Turning to Figure 2 there is shown a modified craps table 10 in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The table 10 is in all respects the same as a conventional craps table as in Figure 1, except for the jackpot betting area 15. Jackpot betting area 15 provides for gambles to wager on particular consecutive roll outcomes. In the preferred embodiment, the jackpot payout is made in any game when the shooter, before establishing the point, has four, five, six and seven consecutive rolls, each of which show either a seven or an eleven total on the face up side of the dice.

Before the point is established and after four consecutive rolls, each of which is either seven or eleven, i.e., one of the following sequences:

7, 7, 7, 7;	7, 11, 7, 7;	11, 7, 7, 7;	11, 11, 7, 7;
7, 7, 7, 11;	7, 11, 7, 11;	11, 7, 7, 11	11, 11, 7, 11;
7, 7, 11, 7;	7, 11, 11, 7;	11, 7, 11, 7;	11, 11, 11, 7; or
7, 7, 11, 11;	7, 11, 11, 11;	11, 7, 11, 11;	11, 11, 11, 11

1 an amount of \$50.00 is paid from the jackpot to each person making the jackpot  
2 wager, and the jackpot amount is reduced accordingly, though may be set at a  
3 minimum of \$15,000.00, for example. Before the point is established and after  
4 five consecutive rolls, each of which is either seven or eleven, an amount of  
5 \$200.00 is paid from the jackpot to each person making the jackpot wager, and  
6 the jackpot amount is reduced accordingly. Before the point is established and  
7 after six consecutive rolls, each of which is either seven or eleven, an amount of  
8 \$1,000.00 is paid from the jackpot to each person making the jackpot wager, and  
9 the jackpot amount is reduced accordingly. Before the point is established and  
10 after seven consecutive rolls, each of which is either seven or eleven, the  
11 remaining jackpot amount is paid in equal portions to each person making the  
12 jackpot wager.

13 It will be appreciated that the number of consecutive rolls may be varied,  
14 the number showing on the face of the dice after the point is established, as may  
15 be the amount of the wager, or the time of placing wagers, or the particular  
16 outcome scheme for jackpot payoff without departing from the invention.

17 It will also be appreciated that the present invention is applicable to in-  
18 person craps games, as well as video, internet and other virtual based craps  
19 games. Further, several craps tables, whether in-person or virtual, may be linked  
20 together in that jackpot bets from several tables may be combined and payout  
21 may be made at any one table at which the pre-established rolls occur.

22 While the invention has been described in connection with a preferred  
23 embodiment, it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the particular  
24 form set forth, but on the contrary, it is intended to cover such alternatives,  
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1 modifications, and equivalents as may be included within the spirit and scope of  
2 the invention as defined by the appended claims.

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